

## FACT SHEET

Update: 5/19/06

### GILA NATIONAL FOREST – Fire Update

Fire Info: 505-388-8245/505- 538-1426 (cell)

[www.fs.fed.us/r3/gila](http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/gila)



### Wildland Fire Use

**Taylor Fire:** **Black Range Ranger District**, detected on 5/15/06, located 48 miles west of Truth or Consequences, NM. Current size is **less than 1** acre. Some burnout operations were conducted around private land. There is limited fire behavior reported, resulting in minimal growth. For specific information about the Taylor Fire, call 505-894-6677.

**Pine Fire:** **Reserve Ranger District**, detected on 5/15/06, located 30 miles southeast of Reserve, NM. Current size is **less than 1** acre. Fire behavior is described as low. The fire is being monitored regularly. For specific information about the Pine Fire, call 505-533-6231.

**Plaza Fire:** **Reserve Ranger District**, detected on 5/15/06, located 3 miles southeast of Reserve, NM. Current size is **less than 1** acre. There was no growth reported on the fire over the last several days. Monitoring activities are ongoing. For specific information about the Plaza Fire, call 505-533-6231.

**Saliz Fire:** **Reserve Ranger District**, detected on 5/15/06, located 8 miles southeast of Reserve, NM. Current size is **less than 1** acre. No new fire growth reported. For specific information about the Saliz Fire, call 505-533-6231.

### Wildfires – not contained

**Carbonate Fire:** **Black Range Ranger District**, detected on 5/18/06, located 2 miles north of Kingston, NM. Current size is **less than 1** acre. 6 smokejumpers are committed to the fire. For specific information about this fire, call 505-894-6677.

**Star Fire:** **Wilderness Ranger District**, detected on 5/18/06, located 15 miles northwest of Mimbres, NM. Current size is **3** acres. One engine responded. The fire was 50% lined by late evening on Thursday. For specific information about the Star Fire, call 505-536-2250.

**Seven Fire:** **Reserve Ranger District**, detected on 5/18/06, located 20 miles southeast of Reserve, NM. Current size is **200** acres. Two air tankers worked the fire on Thursday afternoon. 4 engines and 40 personnel have been assigned to the fire and an additional 40 personnel are expected to arrive at the fire on Friday. For specific information about the Seven Fire, call: 505-533-6231.

**Bull, Aspen and Park Fires:** **Reserve Ranger District**, all detected on 5/18/06, were less than ¼ acre in size. The fires were staffed late Thursday afternoon. For specific information about the Bull, Aspen, or Park Fires, call: 505-533-6231.

**Turkey Fire:** **Reserve Ranger District**, detected on 5/17/06, is reported to be about 1 acre in size. One engine and nine personnel are assigned to the fire. For specific information about the Turkey Fire, call: 505-533-6231.

## **Wildfires - contained**

**Caballeriza Fire**, Reserve Ranger District, detected on *5/15/06*, was contained at 25 acres.

**Whiskey Fire**, Reserve Ranger District, detected on *5/16/06*, was contained at 13 acres.

**Mata Fire**, Reserve Ranger District, detected on *5/16/06*, was contained at 7 acres.

## **Restrictions**

The Gila National Forest is currently in Stage I Fire and Smoking restrictions. Open campfires are limited to designated campgrounds only and smoking is prohibited, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is cleared of flammable material. The list of campgrounds where campfires are still allowed is listed within the official order 06-248, which is posted on the website at:

<http://www2.srs.fs.fed.us/r3/gila/fire/forestclosure.asp>.

For more information about the current fire activity on the Gila National Forest, contact the Information Office at 388-8245 or visit the website at [www.fs.fed.us/r3/gila](http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/gila).

Information about all current federal and state land restrictions and closures in New Mexico and Arizona can be found by visiting the website:

[http://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc/information/firerestrictions/restrictions\\_closures.htm](http://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc/information/firerestrictions/restrictions_closures.htm)